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Good afternoon,

I wanted to bring to your attention a Twitter exchange between the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) and George Deek, Israel's Ambassador to Azerbaijan.

George Deek <u>tweeted</u>, "Today history was made. I, Israel's ambassador in Azerbaijan, met the acting Ambassador of the UAE: the first meeting between Israeli and Emirati Ambassadors in Baku— and the first anywhere to be held in Arabic. Peace is possible. We must never lose hope in our common future."

AIPAC <u>replied</u>, "It's #ANewEra for Israeli-Arab relations. The old paradigm of boycotts and rejectionism is collapsing. A new model of peace, prosperity and cooperation is emerging. Mobile phone with rightwards arrow at left Urge Congress to support the historic peace accords between Israel, UAE & Bahrain: http://aipac.org/ANewEra"

AIPAC then <u>added</u>, "#Azerbaijan is an ally of the United States and Israel and is now facilitating new cooperation between Israel and the UAE. We were honored to host Finance Minister Samir Sharifov at #AIPAC2020 to discuss the growing ties between America, Israel & Azerbaijan. @azembassyus"

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best, Mark

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